

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 22, 2007 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 143, HB 274, HB 273  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 143**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:02 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on  
HB 143, Transfer quarterly report requirement for motor  
vehicle wrecking facility.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:17 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:04:47 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:10 Rep. Reinhart

**HEARING ON HB 273**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:24 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on  
HB 273, Revise motor vehicle registration laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:45 Bruce Spencer

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:54 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:26 Rep. Hilbert

00:12:36 Ms. Nordlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:18 Rep. Mendenhall

**HEARING ON HB 274**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:47 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on  
HB 274, Allow certain recreational vehicles to have  
personalized veteran's license plate.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:19:54 Colonel Jim Jacobson

00:20:43 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:26 Rep. Hilbert

00:21:34 Rep. Mendenhall

00:22:35 Ms. Nordlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:04 Rep. Mendenhall

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:26:44 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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